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SENATOR BEREUTER: Any land owner in that jurisdiction.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: We could possibly fill the courts up, couldn't we.

SENATOR BEREUTER: We could, but I think we'll have compliance.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, there isn't much use letting Senator Bereuter sit down. I notice he isn't doing it any more. Doug, I'm sure you're getting some repetitious questions, but we're all interested of course, in our own areas. You mentioned Douglas county without naming towns. I assume there are towns, to your knowledge, in Douglas county that have not done anything in regard to comprehensive planning?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Senator Dickinson, I'm not certain that that's the case. I think it might be in some of your outlying villages.

SENATOR DICKINSON: OK. If they have not then and do not then it would become the responsibility of the county government who does have the proper structure now if they want to assume that responsibility. Then they'll be required to do it, more or less.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes they would be, if the city chooses not to act.

SENATOR DICKINSON: What about their . . . the cost of them having to do this in very many areas?

SENATOR BEREUTER: They would be . . . well first of all they'd have some assistance available to them in preparing a comprehensive plan for those villages. But, the cost could be allocated back to the citizens of that village. In other words, it would not necessarily become a burden upon the county because they could charge for services.

SENATOR DICKINSON: They may very well have to hire additional personnel to get this done, but they would be reimbursed for that cost. Is that what you're saying?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Douglas county has no planning staff and they have done all their work through consultants. I'd expect that they'd continue to do that.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well I have heard nothing from . . . I'm a little disappointed. I've heard nothing from either our county board, who may have . . . should have an interest in this, or from the people of the small towns, either one. So thank you very much, Senator Bereuter.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, Senator Bereuter, I'm about theorized to pieces here. Now I've gone through the conservation program. We've gone into the flood plain programs. We've done everything by theory. Now in actual practicability it really concerns me no end, because I've been not involved in but I have seen . . . and I don't know whether you've been out into the rural areas with the theory that you have.